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COMPOSITE BEAM
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Appellants hereby timely submit this Appeal Brief under the provisions of 37 CFR §41.37 and respectfully request consideration thereof before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. Appellants' Notice of Appeal was filed on November 18, 2008, appealing to the Board from the decision of the examiner, mailed August 18, 2008, finally rejecting the claims of the above-identified patent application. This is a second Appeal Brief in the application.

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Submitted herewith is Form PTO-2038 in payment of the fee for the Appeal Brief filed today. An Appeal Brief was filed October 27, 2006, and the fee for Small Entity was paid. In November, 2007, our client lost entitlement to Small Entity status, so the difference must now be paid between Small Entity and Large Entity status since we are filing a second Appeal Brief at this time.

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